

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. Cancelled.
2. Cancelled.
3. (Presently Amended) A handheld centrifuge device comprising:  
a centrifuge body adapted for handling by a user;  
a holder adapted for holding at least one sample to be centrifuged; and  
a tether having a first end associated with said centrifuge body and a second end  
associated with said holder,  
a pull handle connected to said first end of said tether; and  
~~The centrifuge device of claim 2,~~ wherein said tether is connected to said holder  
by a T-bar.
4. (Presently Amended) A handheld centrifuge device comprising:  
a centrifuge body adapted for handling by a user;  
a holder adapted for holding at least one sample to be centrifuged; and  
a tether having a first end associated with said centrifuge body and a second end  
associated with said holder,  
a pull handle connected to said first end of said tether; and  
~~The centrifuge device of claim 2,~~ wherein said centrifuge body defines a cavity on  
an open back end, and wherein said pull handle is configured to be disposable in said  
cavity.
5. (Original) The centrifuge device of claim 4, wherein said holder is configured  
to seal said open back end of said centrifuge body.

6. Cancelled.

7. (Presently Amended) A handheld centrifuge device comprising:  
a centrifuge body adapted for handling by a user;  
a holder adapted for holding at least one sample to be centrifuged; and  
a tether having a first end associated with said centrifuge body and a second end  
associated with said holder,

a pull handle connected to said first end of said tether; and

~~The centrifuge device of claim 2, further comprising a brake disposed around an~~  
area of said second end of said tether.

8. (Original) The centrifuge device of claim 7, wherein said brake includes flexible plastic tubing.

9. (Presently Amended) A handheld centrifuge device comprising:  
a centrifuge body adapted for handling by a user;  
a holder adapted for holding at least one sample to be centrifuged; and  
a tether having a first end associated with said centrifuge body and a second end  
associated with said holder,

~~The centrifuge device of claim 1, wherein said handle includes a spring~~  
mechanism attached to said tether.

10. (Original) The centrifuge device of claim 8, wherein said tether includes a two-foot length of waxed nylon string.

11. (Presently Amended) The centrifuge device of claim 4, wherein said open back end is threaded for receiving threads disposed on said holder.

12. Cancelled.

13. (Presently Amended) A handheld centrifuge device comprising:

a centrifuge body adapted for handling by a user;  
a holder adapted for holding at least one sample to be centrifuged; and  
a tether having a first end associated with said centrifuge body and a second end  
associated with said holder

wherein said open back end is threaded for receiving threads disposed on said  
holder, and

~~The centrifuge device of claim 12,~~ wherein said holder defines six evenly spaced apertures for receiving sample tubes disposed around its circumference.

14. Cancelled.

15. Cancelled.

16. (Original) A centrifuge device comprising:

a centrifuge body having an open back end, a conical front end, a hand portion, and defining a passageway therethrough;

a tether extending through said passageway and having a first end extending away from said conical front end and a second end extending into said open back end;

a pull handle sized to fit in said open back end, said pull handle being attached to said second end of said tether; and

a holder having at least two apertures for receiving sample tubes to be centrifuged, said holder being connectable to said first end of said tether.

17. (Original) The centrifuge device according to claim 16, wherein said holder is connectable to said open back end of said centrifuge body.

18. (Original) The centrifuge device according to claim 16, wherein said pull handle includes a spring mechanism.

19. Cancelled.

20. A handheld centrifuge device comprising:  
a centrifuge body adapted for handling by a user;  
a sling adapted for holding a sample to be centrifuged; and  
a tether attached to said sling and in communication with said centrifuge body,  
~~The centrifuge device according to claim 19, wherein said sling includes~~  
a handle attached to said tether, and  
a conduit connected to said handle, said conduit having a passageway passing  
therethrough, the passageway shaped to nest a specimen container.

21. A handheld centrifuge device comprising:  
a centrifuge body adapted for handling by a user;  
a sling adapted for holding a sample to be centrifuged; and  
a tether attached to said sling and in communication with said centrifuge body,  
and  
~~The centrifuge device according to claim 19, further comprising a spring~~  
mechanism attached to said tether.

22. Cancelled.